

1998
Wisconsin Public
Hunting Grounds
with

Special Pheasant Hunting Regulations

Important

- All hunters (except waterfowl hunters) are required to meet the blaze orange requirement for gun deer hunting (see pg. 11 of this pamphlet, or pg. 30 of the WI General Hunting Regulations) during the gun deer and muzzleloader deer seasons on November 21–December 6.
- There will not be an early firearm hunt and blaze orange is not required of other hunters west of the Burlington Northern railroad tracks in DMU's 61 and 74A.
- All hunters in Unit 77M must meet the blaze orange requirement for gun deer hunting from November 21 to December 14.
- In Unit 67A, all hunters must meet the blaze orange requirement for gun deer hunting from October 29 to November 1.
- Note: All hunters must meet the blaze orange clothing requirement in ALL deer management units open to muzzleloader deer hunting during the week **following** the regular deer hunting season.
- The Bong Recreation Area no longer sells licenses, so hunters should have their licenses and pheasant stamps ahead of time.

Pheasant hunting on the properties listed in this pamphlet are subject to one or both of the following rules:

- 2 P.M. close of hunting hours, October 19 through November 3
- Hen/rooster hunting permit and tags required

This pamphlet explains these rules so that hunters can comply with the law.

Dear Pheasant Hunter:

The winter of 1997-98 was extremely mild and reports indicate that pheasant survival was good. Productivity in 1998 is an unknown at this time, but anecdotal information indicates that the early, warm spring will result in a good wild pheasant hatch statewide. Good productivity is necessary for pheasant populations to rebound from recent severe winter weather and poor breeding seasons. Pheasant hunting this fall should be better than it has been in the last couple years.

Areas that contain adequate winter cover (cattail and shrub-carr marshes, and thick switch grass fields) and have more than 15% of the landscape in idle grassland will have the highest pheasant densities. Revenues collected from the sale of pheasant stamps are being used to place these habitat types on the landscape. Pheasant hunters' contributions are making a difference in Wisconsin.

Approximately 70 public hunting grounds will again be stocked with game farm pheasants to provide hunter opportunity. The number of pheasants released by the DNR on public hunting grounds will increase to at least 50,000 this year as the result of increased license revenues. This pamphlet includes a description of those Public Hunting Grounds with special regulations and a list of other Public Hunting Grounds where pheasants will be released. Please read these pheasant hunting regulations and be aware of which public hunting grounds have a 2 P.M. closure and/or allow hen pheasant hunting. Hunters are required to have a pheasant hunting permit and tags on public hunting grounds that allow hen pheasant hunting. Remember, all pheasant hunters within the Pheasant Management Zone are required to have a pheasant stamp.

As in the past, all pheasant hunters will need to wear at least 50% blaze orange clothing above the waist during the regular and muzzleloader deer seasons from November 21 through December 6 statewide and through December 14 in Deer Management Unit 77M. Pheasant hunters must also follow the blaze orange requirement during the special deer hunt October 29 through November 1 in DMU 67A.

Before, during and after the hunt, promote safe and ethical hunting among your friends, relatives and hunting partners. The future of hunting depends upon the hunters. Have a safe and enjoyable hunt.

Keith Warnke Upland Wildlife Specialist

Pheasant Stamp Requirement

A pheasant stamp (\$7.25 resident and nonresident) is required to hunt pheasants in the Pheasant Management Zone, in addition to a small game or sports license. A map of the pheasant management zones can be found on page 37 of the 1998 General Hunting Regulations Pamphlet. Note: Holders of conservation patron, armed forces fishing and small game licenses, senior citizen recreation cards, and first-year Wisconsin resident hunter safety course graduates are exempt from the stamp requirement. Pheasant stamp funds are earmarked for wild pheasant restoration projects such as wild pheasant releases and habitat development.

Season Dates and Hunting Hours

Season Dates: October 17 (noon)-December 31, 1998*

Bag Limits: October 17–18; 1 cock daily; possession limit 2. Remainder of season: 2 cocks daily; possession limit 4.

Hunting Hours: Opening Day for ALL areas: 12:00 noon to close of normal hunting hours 15 minutes after sunset.** Remainder of season follows normal small game hunting hours except for 2:00 P.M. Closure Areas. From October 19–November 3, legal hunting closes at 2:00 P.M. on these properties; normal hunting hours begin on November 4 and continue until the season ends on December 31, 1998.

- * Firearm hunting for pheasants is prohibited on November 20, the day before the nine-day gun deer season.
- ** See 1998 Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for small game hunting hours table.

Why the 2:00 P.M. Pheasant Hunting Closure?

Closing a hunting area at 2:00 P.M. allows the DNR to stock pheasants when they are not subject to hunting pressure. This improves stocking and distribution techniques and gives the birds more time to orient to their new surroundings. This helps provide a more satisfying hunt.

2:00 P.M. Pheasant Hunting Closure Areas

The boundaries of the following wildlife properties are posted with signs stating the 2:00 P.M. daily pheasant hunting closure time from October 19 (third day of the season)—November 3. Always check the type of signs posted; the boundaries of some areas contain private land and permission of the landowner is required before hunting.

| Name | Counties |
|--|--------------------------|
| ■ Allenton Wildlife Area | Washington |
| ■ Brooklyn Wildlife Area | Dane and Green |
| C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area | Kewaunee |
| ■ Dunnville Wildlife Area | Dunn |
| ■ Eldorado Marsh Wildlife Area | Fond Du Lac |
| ■ Goose Lake Wildlife Area | Dane |
| ■ Grand River Wildlife Area | Green Lake and Marquette |
| ■ Holland Wildlife Area | Brown |
| ■ Horicon Wildlife Area | Dodge |
| ■ Jackson Wildlife Area | Washington |
| ■ Killsnake Wildlife Area | Calumet and Manitowoc |
| Mazomanie Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway | Dane |
| ■ Mud Lake Wildlife Area | Dodge |
| ■ New Munster Wildlife Area | Kenosha |
| ■ Nichols Creek Wildlife Area | Sheboygan |
| ■ Scuppernong | Waukesha |
| ■ Theresa Wildlife Area | Dodge and Washington |
| ■ Tichigan Wildlife Area | Racine |
| ■ Vernon Wildlife Area | Waukesha |
| ■ White River Wildlife Area | Green Lake and Marquette |

Why Hen Stocking and Hunting?

Stocking and hunting hen pheasants on certain properties increases the effective use of surplus hen chicks produced by the State Game Farm. Most game



farm pheasants have been raised in captivity for many generations, and do not survive or reproduce well enough in the wild to justify rearing them for release to bolster natural reproduction.

Raising surplus hens for hunting provides additional pheasant hunting opportunities at less expense than producing more roosters.

Hen hunting properties were selected because they had no wild hens on or near them. It is illegal to shoot hen pheasants anywhere else in Wisconsin, except on licensed game farms. Such shooting would harm Wisconsin's wild pheasant population. Please report all illegal shooting using the toll-free hotline listed on the back of this pamphlet.

Hen-Rooster Hunting Regulations

- You must complete and submit a DNR application to obtain a pheasant hunting permit and tags BEFORE hunting pheasants on these listed properties. There is no charge and applications can be obtained from any DNR service center or by writing DNR, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.
- 2) The permit sticker (labeled "L") at the bottom of the tag package must be separated from the tags and attached to your hunting license before you hunt.
- Ten carcass tags are issued with your permit and this establishes your season bag limit on henrooster hunting areas.
- 4) The permit and carcass tags are not transferable or replaceable, even if accidentally lost.
- 5) Immediately upon killing a pheasant, a tag must be attached to the featherless part of the pheasant's leg, between the foot and the knee joint.
- 6) Both sexes must be tagged. This minimizes the temptation to discard one bird for another because of sex, size or condition.
- 7) The daily bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas is 1 pheasant daily on Oct. 17 and 18 and 2 pheasants daily from Oct. 19 to Dec. 31. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Hen-Rooster Hunting Areas

The boundaries of the following areas are posted with signs which state that hunters must obtain a permit and tags before hunting pheasants. Always check the

type of signs posted; the boundaries of some areas contain private land and permission of the landowner is required before hunting.

| Name | County |
|--|----------|
| Avoca Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway | Iowa |
| ■ Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area | Iowa |
| ■ Boscobel Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway | y Grant |
| ■ C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area | Kewaunee |
| ■ Kettle Moraine State Forest | Waukesha |
| ■ Kickapoo Valley Reserve | Vernon |
| ■ Pine River Public Hunting Grounds | Richland |
| Scuppernong | Waukesha |
| Tom Lawin Wildlife Area (formerly Jim Falls Wildlife Area) | Chippewa |
| ■ Vernon Wildlife Area | Waukesha |

Bong State Recreation Area Regulations

The Bong Recreation Area no longer sells licenses, so hunters should have their licenses and pheasant stamps ahead of time. Bong State Recreation Area, located in north central Kenosha County, offers henrooster pheasant hunting with the following requirements and rules:

1) Daily or annual vehicle admission fee:

| resident | \$5.00 daily, \$18.00 annual |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| resident senior citizen | \$3.00 daily, \$9.00 annual |
| nonresident | \$7.00 daily, \$25.00 annual |

2) Additional pheasant hunting fee: \$3.00 per person per day.

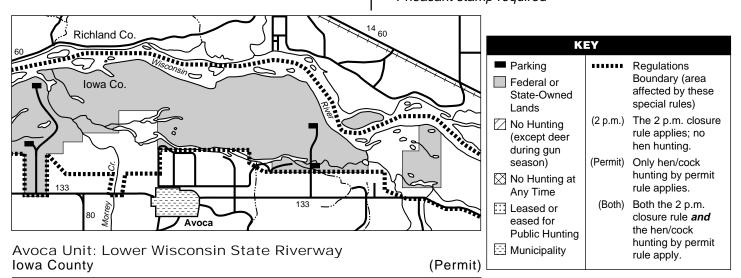
Hunting permit and tags are issued upon payment of fees

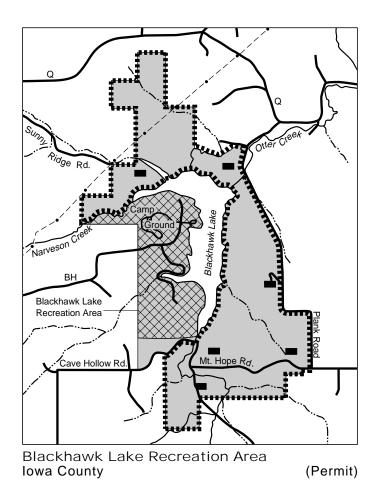
- 3) Pheasant hunting hours:
 - October 17 Noon to 6:20 P.M.
 - October 18–December 31 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- Daily bag—one, either sex for the first 14 days;
 Two, either sex, thereafter

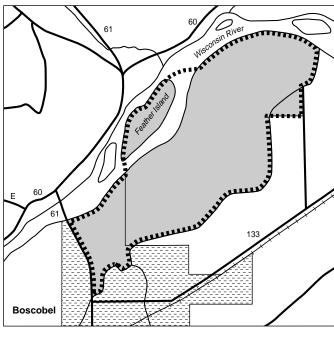
For details and/or a reservation card, write or call: Bong State Recreation Area, 26313 Burlington Road, Kansasville, WI 53139. Telephone (414) 878-5600 or 652-0377. Note: There is an additional \$3.00 reservation fee.

Possession—one (1) the first day and double the daily bag limit thereafter.



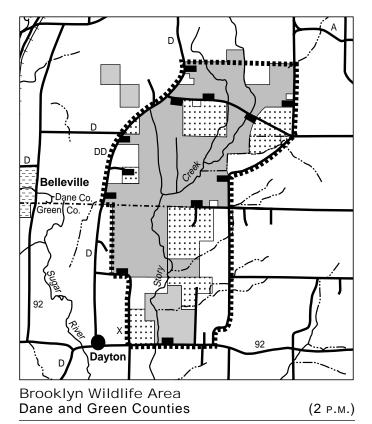






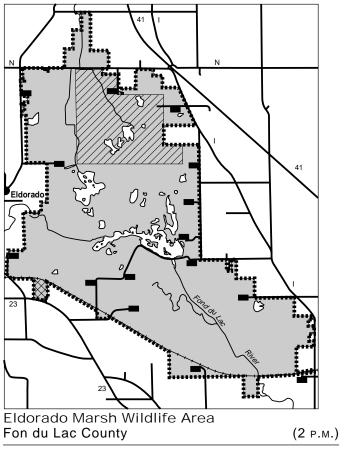
Boscobel Unit Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Grant County

(Permit)



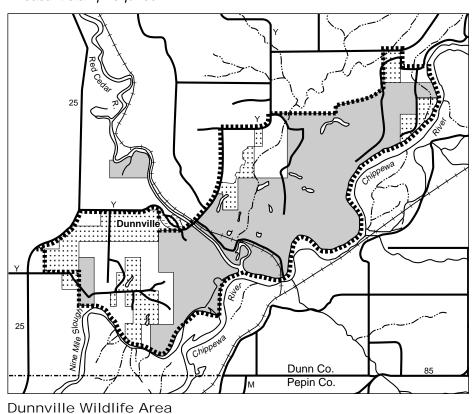
Pheasant stamp required

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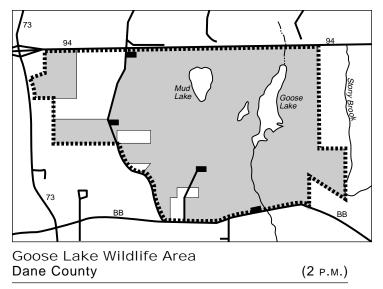
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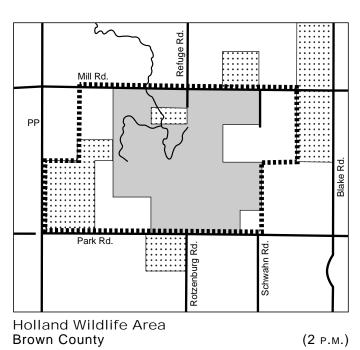
Attention Hunters!

Be sure to get permission before entering any private property!

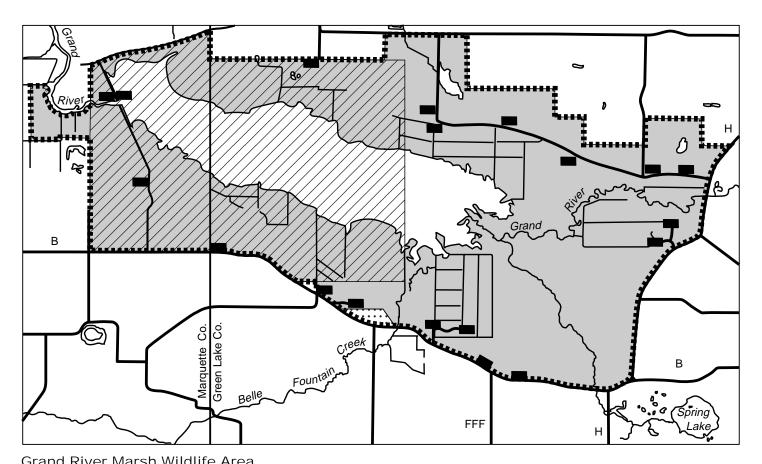
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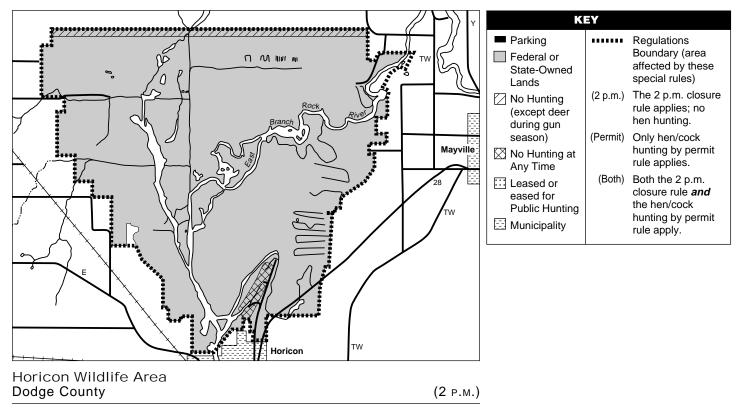
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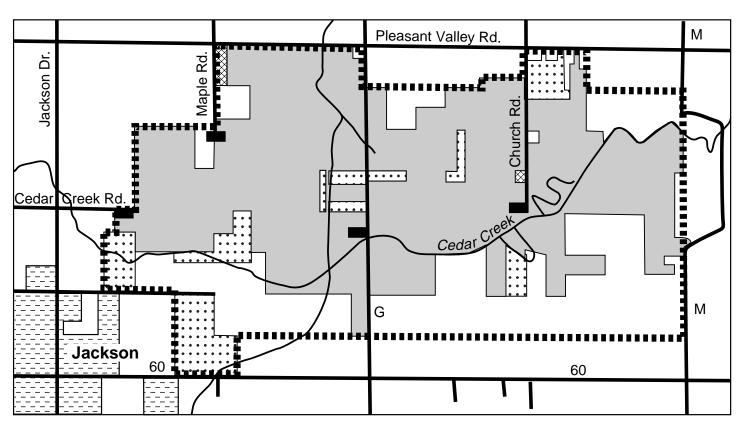
Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area Marquette and Green Lake Counties

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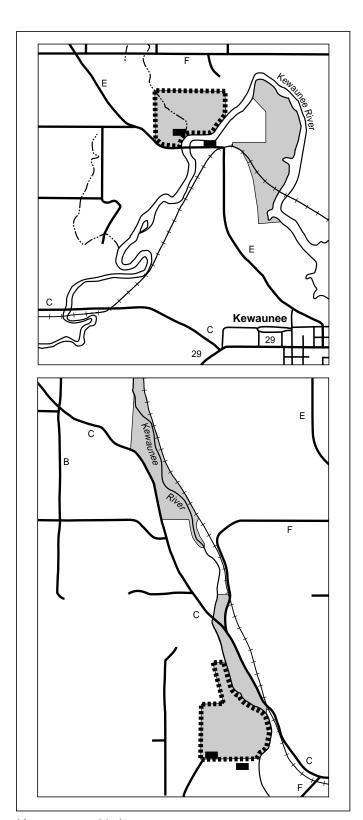


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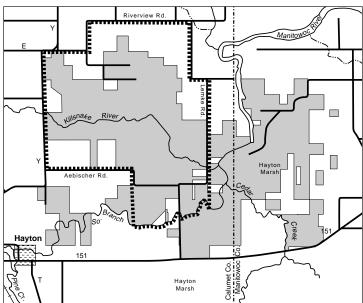


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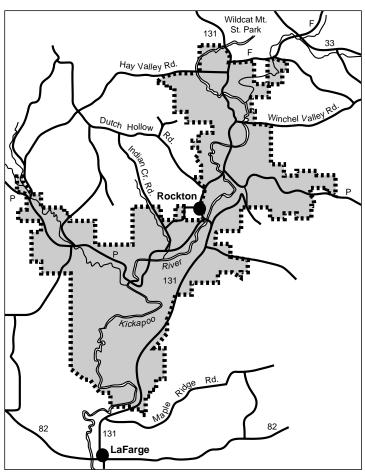


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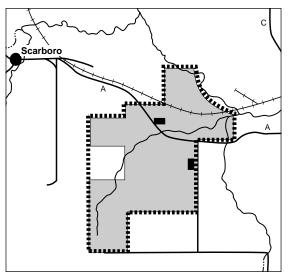
Killsnake Wildlife Area
Calumet and Manitowoc Counties (2 p.m.)

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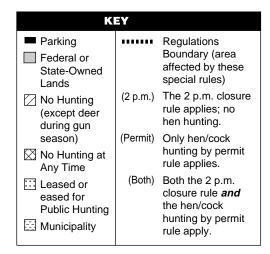
Kickapoo Valley Reserve Vernon County (Permit)

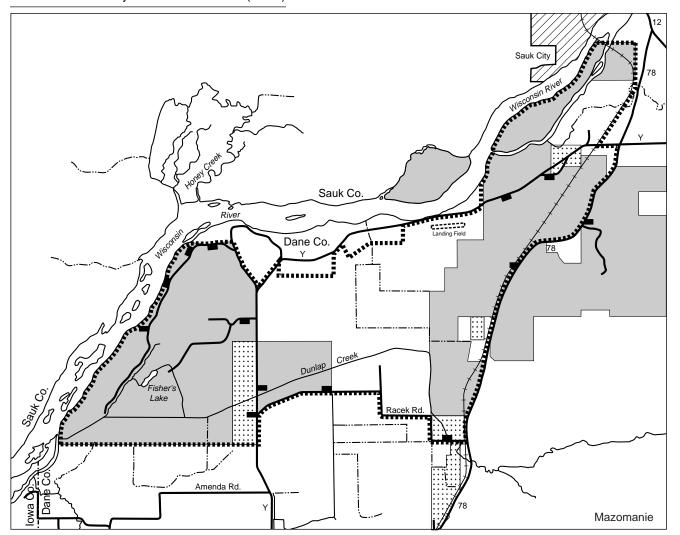
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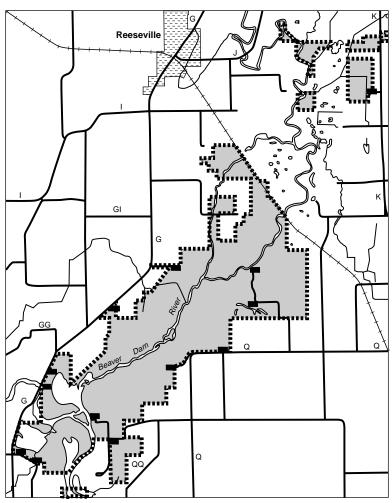
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Mazomanie Wildlife Area Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Dane County

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Mud Lake Wildlife Area New Munster Wildlife Area (2 p.m.) Kenosha County (2 p.m.)

Pheasant stamp required

Dodge County

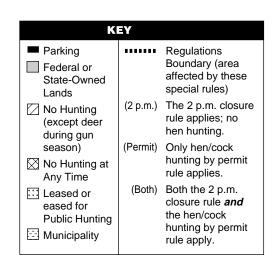
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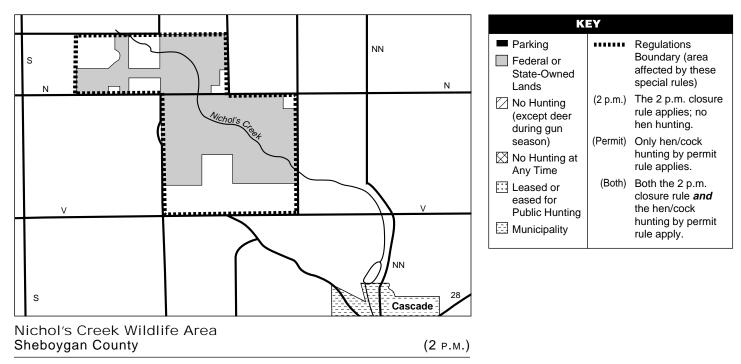
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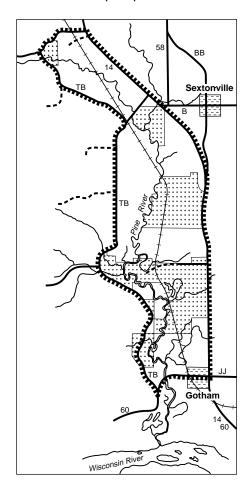
Blaze Orange Clothing Requirements

During the gun and muzzleloader deer seasons, no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of the person's outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange. A hat, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange. Note: Faded or stained blaze orange clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Camo-blaze is legal, but is not as visible as solid blaze clothing, 100% solid blaze orange is recommended.



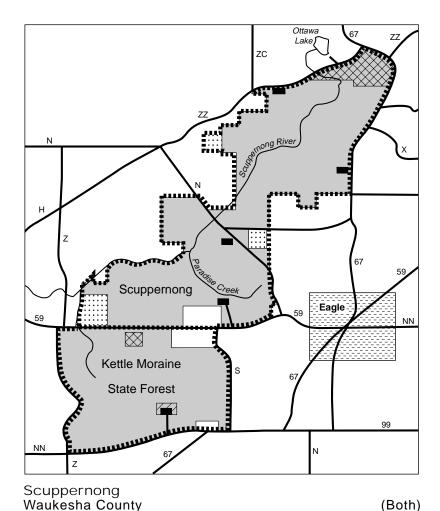


Pheasant stamp required



Pine River Public
Hunting Grounds
Richland County (Permit)

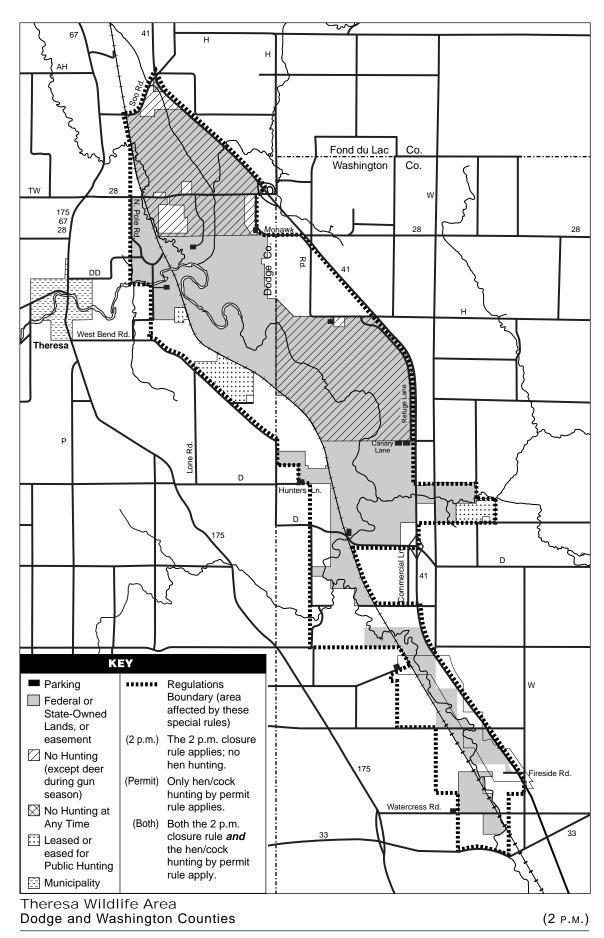
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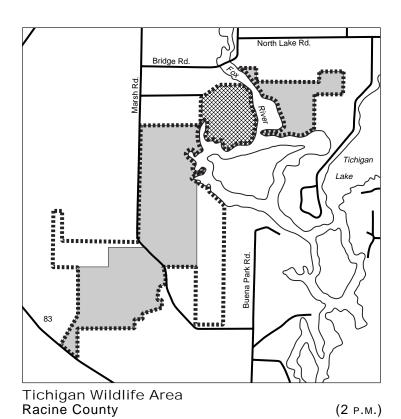


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Waukesaha County

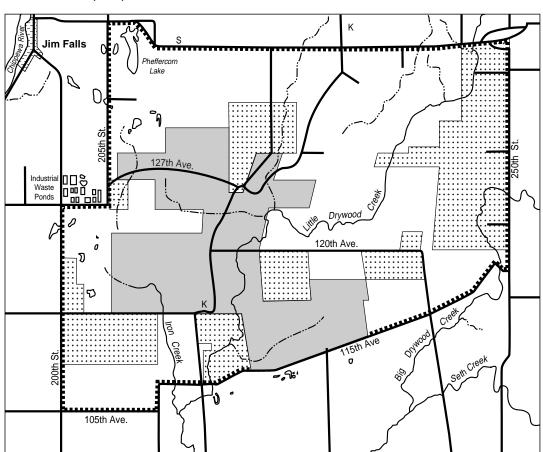
Kettle Moraine State Forest





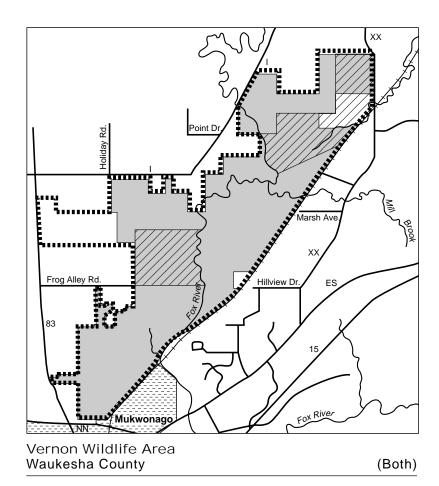
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| ■ Parking □ Federal or State-Owned Lands | ••••• | Regulations Boundary (area affected by these special rules) |
| | (2 p.m.) | The 2 p.m. closure rule applies; no hen hunting. |
| season) No Hunting at Any Time | (Permit) | Only hen/cock hunting by permit rule applies. |
| Leased or eased for Public Hunting Municipality | (Both) | Both the 2 p.m. closure rule and the hen/cock hunting by permit rule apply. |

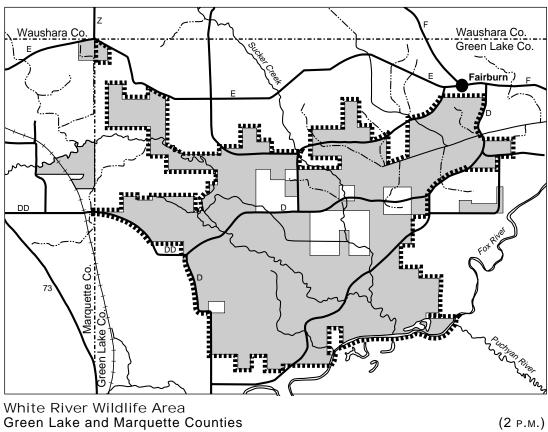
Pheasant stamp required



Tom Lawin Wildlife Area (formerly Jim Falls Wildlife Area) Chippewa County (Permit)

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Other Public Grounds DNR May Stock with Pheasants in 1998

Normal statewide pheasant hunting regulations apply

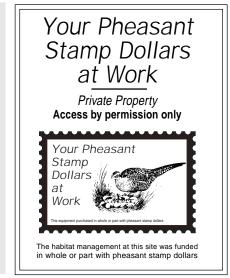
| County | Wildlife Area | Pheasant Stamp Required |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Buffalo | Big Swamp | |
| Calumet | Brillion | ✓ |
| Columbia | French Creek | V |
| | Grassy Lake | V |
| | Mud Lake | V |
| | Pine Island | ✓ |
| Crawford | Bell Center | |
| Dane | Badfish Creek | ✓ |
| | Deansville | ✓ |
| | Lodi Marsh | ✓ |
| Dodge | Shaw Marsh | ✓ |
| Fond du Lac | Mullet Creek | ✓ |
| Green | Albany | ✓ |
| | Browntown | ✓ |
| | Liberty Creek | ✓ |
| Jackson | Northfield Lake | |
| | S. Beaver Creek | |
| Jefferson | Jefferson Marsh | ✓ |
| | Lake Mills | V |
| | Prince's Point | ✓ |
| | Rome Pond | ✓ |
| | Waterloo | ✓ |

| County | Wildlife Area | Pheasant Stamp Required |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Juneau | Union Center | |
| Lafayette | Yellowstone | V |
| Marathon | McMillan | |
| Racine | Honey Creek | V |
| Rock | Avon | V |
| | Evansville | V |
| | Footville | V |
| | Lima | V |
| | Storr's Lake | V |
| Sheboygan | Adell | V |
| | Kettle Moraine N. | V |
| | Mink Creek | V |
| Trempealeau | Borst Valley | |
| | Lakes Coulee | |
| | Tamarack | |
| Walworth | Clover Valley | V |
| | Kettle Moraine | V |
| | Troy | V |

SUPPORT ETHICAL RESPONSIBLE HUNTING REPORT VIOLATIONS

Call 1-800-847-9367

Toll Free Statewide 24-hour Confidential (this is not an information Number.)



Attention Hunters!

Look for these *new* signs that are going to be placed at many locations where pheasant stamp dollars were used to create habitat. Since pheasant stamp dollars can be used on both public and private land, be sure to get permission before entering any private land.

